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The Honorable Sam Brownback
303 Hart Building
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Brownback:

On behalf of Qwest, I am writing to state our support for S. 1621, the "Consumers, Schools, and Libraries Digital Rights Management Awareness Act of 2003."

The bill, as introduced, seeks to resolve many of the complicated issues involving digital rights management and piracy of copyright-protected material over the Internet. These issues must be resolved by Congress so that consumers and Internet subscribers will benefit from the digital age, consistent with fair use principles, without fear of reprisal from copyright owners. In particular, section 5 of the bill would correct a fundamental defect in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act that currently allows copyright owners to obtain the personal information of a subscriber of an Internet Service Provider without proper judicial supervision or due process for the subscriber. While Internet piracy must be prohibited, the privacy rights of Internet subscribers also must be protected. In light of the recent federal court cases, it is time for Congress to squarely address this matter and protect the privacy rights of Internet subscribers.

We look forward to working with you and other Members of Congress as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary R. Lytle".